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DIRECTOR ALLEN W. DULLES, OF THE HUSH-HUSH CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY TOLD SENATORS TODAY THAT THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION IS "THE MOST DANGEROUS THING CONFRONTING US IN THE WORLD TODAY."

THAT VERSION OF DULLES' REMARKS WAS RELAYED BY CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT AFTER A TWO-HOURS CLOSED DOOR MEETING OF DULLES WITH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

"I AGREE WITH HIM," FULBRIGHT SAID.

DULLES, A BROTHER OF AILING SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN FOSTER DULLES, BRIEFED THE COMMITTEE MAINLY ON THE IRAQ AND TIBET CRISIS.

FULBRIGHT DESCRIBED HIM AS "NOT VERY OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT THE ABILITY OF THE TIBETAN TRIBESMEN TO HOLD OUT AGAINST THE COMMUNIST CHINESE ARMED FORCES WHO FORCED THE DALAI LAMA TO FLEE THE COUNTRY.

THE ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT SAID DULLES GAVE THE COMMITTEE THE IMPRESSION THAT IRAQ IS "MIGHTLY CLOSE" TO COMPLETE DOMINATION BY COMMUNISM AND "JUST ABOUT AT THE POINT OF NO RETURN."

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FULBRIGHT SAID HE HAD NOT GIVEN UP HOPE THAT A COMPLETE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER COULD BE AVOIDED ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION WAS "VERY SERIOUS."

IRAN IS "VERY NERVOUS," FULBRIGHT REPORTED.

"IT STILL MAY NOT BE HOPELESS IF THE FREE WORLD CAN DEVISE A POLICY FOR THE ENTIRE (MIDDLE EAST) AREA," FULBRIGHT SAID.

FULBRIGHT SAID HE FELT THAT PART OF THE TROUBLE IN THE AREA IS THAT "OUR ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN HAMPERED BY A LACK OF POSITIVE POLICY BY THE FREE NATIONS" FOR THE AREA AS A WHOLE.

ALSO, HE SAID, THE WEST IS NOT SURE HOW FAR THE BREAK BETWEEN MOSCOW AND EGYPT'S PREMIER GAMAL ABDEL NASSER IS GONE AND "HOW MUCH WE CAN RELY ON NASSER."

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PANAMA (TOPS 129)

WASHINGTON (AP) THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TODAY TO HELP STOP AN INVASION OF PANAMA AND ORDERED AN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE OF AMBASSADORS TO THE SCENE IMMEDIATELY.

AMBASSADOR JULIO LACARTE NAMED FERNANDO LOBO, BRAZIL'S AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH IS TO LEAVE FOR PANAMA TONIGHT.

JOHN DREIER, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS, WAS NAMED VICE CHAIRMAN.

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ALLEN DULLES

WASHINGTON (AP)--AMERICA'S INTELLIGENCE CHIEF TOLD CONGRESS TODAY THAT THE DANGER OF A COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER IN IRAQ IS EXTREMELY SERIOUS BUT THE SITUATION IS NOT HOPELESS.

THE VIEWS OF ALLEN J. DULLES, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, WERE GIVEN TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IN A TWO-HOUR SECRET SESSION DEVOTED TO IRAQ, TIBET AND RELATED MATTERS.

CHAIRMAN J. W. FULBRIGHT (D-ARK) SAID DULLES DESCRIBED THE IRAQ SITUATION AS "THE MOST DANGEROUS IN THE WORLD TODAY."

"I AGREE WITH HIM," FULBRIGHT SAID.

THE BERLIN CRISIS WAS NOT DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING, BUT DULLES TOLD NEWSMEN HE HAD SUGGESTED PREVIOUSLY THAT ONE OF THE REASONS FOR COMMUNIST PRESSURE ON BERLIN "AT THIS ACUTE STAGE MAY BE TO DIRECT WORLD ATTENTION AWAY FROM IRAQ."

FULBRIGHT SAID IT WOULD BE FAIR TO SAY THAT "U. S. ACTIVITY TO HELP IRAQ HAS BEEN HAMPERED BY THE LACK OF A POSITIVE POLICY."

RECENTLY, HE SAID, SURROUNDING COUNTRIES INCLUDING IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA HAVE BEEN SHOWING INCREASED CONCERN AT THE GROWING COMMUNIST POWER IN IRAQ.

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THE SENATOR CONTINUED:

"IT IS MIGHTY CLOSE TO A COMPLETE TAKE-OVER," DULLES REPORTED, BUT HE DID NOT SAY THAT PREMIER KASSEM PERSONALLY IS A COMMUNIST. HE DID NOT SAY, HOWEVER, THE SITUATION IS HOPELESS NOR THAT IT HAD REACHED THE POINT OF NO RETURN."

HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT PRESIDENT NASSER OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC CAN PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN EFFORTS TO COORDINATE FREE WORLD POLICIES TO SAVE IRAQ.

ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES, HOWEVER, IS THAT NASSER'S POSITION TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION IS STILL EQUIVOCAL, THE SENATOR SAID. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE WEST IS STILL NOT SURE HOW FAR THE BREAK HAS GONE BETWEEN NASSER AND MOSCOW.

DULLES PRIEFED THE COMMITTEE ON KURDISH TRIBESMEN RECENTLY SENT TO IRAQ FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

FULBRIGHT SAID IT LOOKS LIKE THE RUSSIANS ARE PLANNING TO INCITE TROUBLE IN NORTHERN IRAQ AND CREATE A BRIDGEHEAD THERE NEAR THE TURKISH BORDER.

FULBRIGHT SAID DULLES WAS NOT VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE ABILITY OF REVOLTING TIBETAN TRIBESMEN TO HOLD OUT LONG AGAINST THE MIGHT OF CHINESE COMMUNIST MILITARY FORCES.

DULLES REPORTED THE FOOD AND AMMUNITION SUPPLIES OF THE REBELLIOUS KAMEA TRIBESMEN ARE RUNNING LOW.

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BAGHDAD, IRAQI HOME SERVICE AT 0400 GMT, 4/29, CARRIED THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

"WASHINGTON--THE CAMPAIGNS OF LIES, FABRICATIONS, AND BLUSTERINGS BY UAR RULERS AGAINST OUR IRAQI REPUBLIC ARE FINDING A DEEP RESPONSE IN WASHINGTON. REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN CAPITAL INDICATE THAT THE PLOTS AGAINST THE IRAQI REPUBLIC ENJOY SUFFICIENT SUPPORT AND HELP FROM THEIR AMERICAN MASTERS IN WASHINGTON.

REPORTS STATE THAT A CERTAIN ALLEN DULLES, CHIEF OF THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, HAS SPOKEN OF WHAT HE CALLED THE GROWING COMMUNIST THREAT TO IRAQ, BUT HE ADDED IN ALL IMPERTINENCE THAT THE SITUATION WAS NOT DESPERATE.

"ALLEN DULLES WAS SPEAKING BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE DURING A TWO-HOUR SECRET SESSION DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION IN IRAQ AND TIBET AND RELATED MATTERS.

"DEMOCRATIC SENATOR FULBRIGHT SAID THAT PRESIDENT ABDEL NASSIR CAN PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO COORDINATE THE POLICIES OF WHAT FULBRIGHT DESCRIBED AS THE FREE WORLD."

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